REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are active in the present application.

The specification is amended to correct clerical errors. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 45, lines 19-22 with the following:

--The title compound was obtained from 300 mg (0.97 mmol) of (3,3-diphenylpropane-1-yl) 3-oxopentanoate, 150 mg (0.97 mmol) of 2-cyanoethyl 3-aminocrotonate and 109 [ml] μl (0.97 mmol) of 3-chlorobenzaldehyde in the same manner as that of Example 1-1).--

Please replace the paragraph at page 46, lines 12-13 with the following:

--Example 11 Synthesis of 3-(3,3-diphenylpropane-l-yl) [4-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-] 4-(3-chlorophenyl-2-(2-cyclohexylethoxymethyl)-6-methyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate:--

Please replace the paragraph at page 48, lines 9-10 with the following:

--4) Synthesis of 3-(3,3-diphenylpropane-l-yl) 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-[6]2-(2-cyclohexylethoxymethyl)-6-methyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate:--

Please replace the paragraph at page 51, line 22, to page 52, line 6 with the following:

--2.5 ml of a solution of 0.879 mg (2.66 mmol) of (3,3-diphenylpropane-l-yl) 4-chloroacetoacetate in 2.5 ml of THF was added dropwise to a suspension of 160 mg of sodium hydride (60 % oily) in 5 ml of THF at 0°C and they were stirred for 30 minutes. 820 [ml] μl of 28% solution of sodium methoxide in methanol was added to the obtained mixture.

After stirring overnight, methanol was added to the reaction mixture, and the obtained mixture was concentrated and fractionated with ethyl acetate and water. After the drying over sodium sulfate followed by the purification by the silica gel chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3/1), the title compound was obtained.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 72, lines 17-19 with the following:

--1H-NMR (CDCl3) : 1.78-1.86(4H, m), 2.34 (2H, q), 2.38(3H, s), 2.60-2.64(4H, m), 3.59-3.76(2H, m), 3.91(1H, t), 3.89-4.02(2H, m), 4.21-4.35(2H, m), 4.68(1H, d), 4.78(1H, d), 4.99(1H, s), [7/08] 7.08-7.32(14H, m), 8.25 (1H, bs)--

Please replace the paragraph at page 110, lines 22-23 with the following:

--3) Synthesis of 3-[benzyl](2-cyanoethyl) 5-(3,3-diphenyl-1-propyl) 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-[6]2-methyl-[2]6-hexyloxymethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate:--

Please replace the paragraph at page 110, line 24, to page 111, line 2 with the following:

--The title compound was obtained from 372 mg (2.40 mmol) of 2-cyanoethyl acetoacetate, 371 mg (2.60 mmol) of 3-chlorobenzaldehyde and 0.88 [mg] g (2.24 mmol) of 3,3-diphenyl-1-propyl 3-amino-4-hexyloxycrotonate in the same manner as that of Example 14-2).--